

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A recording apparatus for recording an information on a recordable optical record carrier (2) by irradiation of a light beam onto said record carrier (2) for forming marks and lands representing said information along an information recording direction, comprising:

— a light source (8) for generating a light beam; and  
— optical means (3, 7) for irradiating said light beam onto said record carrier (2),  
wherein said optical means ~~comprise~~ comprises means (3, 14) for influencing said light beam from said light source (8) to said record carrier (2) during recording of information ~~by use of, said influencing means using~~ astigmatism ~~so as to~~ obtain a light beam having a substantial oval spot profile having a shorter axis in the information recording direction (t) compared to ~~the~~ a radial direction (x) ~~orthogonal thereto~~ to the information recording direction.

2. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The recording apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said means (3, 14) for influencing the light beam ~~are adapted for introduction of~~ introduces astigmatism into the light beam.

3. (currently amended) A-~~The~~ recording apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said means for influencing the light beam ~~comprise~~ comprises a liquid crystal cell ~~(14)~~.

4. (currently amended) A-~~The~~ recording apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein said liquid crystal cell ~~(14)~~ has a cylindrical shape.

5. (currently amended) A-~~The~~ recording apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said means for influencing the light beam ~~comprise~~ comprises a cylindrical lens ~~(3)~~.

6. (currently amended) A-~~The~~ recording apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said means for influencing the light beam ~~comprise~~ acomprises focus control means ~~(15)~~ for ~~control of the~~ controlling a focus position of ~~the~~ focal lines of the light beam, said light  
5 beam having an intrinsic astigmatism, such that a defocus is introduced during recording of information.

7. (currently amended) A-~~The~~ recording apparatus as claimed in claim ~~16~~, wherein said focus control means ~~(15)~~ ~~are adapted for~~ adding ~~adds~~ an offset ~~(16)~~ to a focus error signal used for keeping the ~~optical~~ light beam into focus during recording of information.

8. (currently amended) A-~~The~~ recording apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said recording apparatus further comprising

~~acomprises~~ control means ~~(15, 16) for control of~~ for controlling  
said means for influencing the light beam by switching said means  
5 ~~(3, 14) on or off by bringing-positioning~~ said means ~~(3, 14) for~~  
influencing into the light path during recording.

9. (currently amended) A method of recording an information on  
a recordable optical record carrier ~~(2)~~ by irradiation of a light  
beam through optical means ~~(3-7)~~ onto said record carrier ~~(2)~~ for  
forming marks and lands representing said information along an  
5 information recording direction (t), said method comprising the  
steps of:

generating a light beam;  
irradiating said optical record carrier with said light  
beam, including, wherein the light beam from a light source (8) to  
10 said record carrier (2) during recording of information, is  
influenced by making use of influencing said light beam, through the  
use of astigmatism, so as obtain a light beam having to have a  
substantially oval spot profile having a shorter axis in the  
information recording direction ~~(t)~~ compared to ~~the a radial~~  
15 direction (x) orthogonal thereto to the information recording  
direction.

10. (currently amended) Computer-A computer-readable  
medium encoded with a computer program comprising ~~computer program~~  
means instructions for causing a computer to perform the steps of

the method as claimed in claim 9 ~~when said computer program is run~~  
on a computer.